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AND THE
GLORY OF *God*

OUR LADY OF FATIMA
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Piscataway, New Jersey



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CAMPAIGN PRAYER

O Lord, our God,
all praise and glory be to You,
from whom all blessings come.

We thank You for the gift of our church
where we are blessed with the peace,
hope and strength of your Presence.

We thank You for those
who built our church
and for the sacrifices they made
which has blessed us
throughout the years.

May their example inspire us
to do the same as we now plan
and build for our future.

Through the intercession of Saint Ann,
to whom we dedicate this campaign,
may we face the challenges of our
undertaking with courage,
cooperation and generosity.

Through her prayers,
may You sanctify our efforts
and make them a source of blessing
for generations to come.

O Good Saint Ann, pray for us,
that all our endeavors may be done
with pure and generous hearts
for the Honor of Our Lady
and the glory of God.

Amen.

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A NOTE FROM
Father Paul

Dear Our Lady of Fatima family,

At times in our lives, we find ourselves at a crossroads: significant moments that define and shape who we are and what our future will be. This is also true in the life of a parish. We are so grateful and appreciative of our founding families who, in the past, saw themselves at such a moment. They put their faith into action, responded to the needs and built the parish facilities we enjoy at this time. Because of them and your ongoing support, Our Lady of Fatima continues to be, "A community of faith embracing its diversity and reaching out to all of God's children".

Now it is our time. Standing at this crossroad we can see how current and future generations will benefit from the work that we are now challenged to embark upon. The plans as presented in this brochure are a culmination of several years of work and planning in response to present and future needs, making God's Kingdom a reality among us.

*Your ongoing support and spirit of volunteerism shows
how much you care and desire to be the instruments
of the Lord. Our fundamental mission as a parish
family is to lead all people to the Lord Jesus.*

This Capital Campaign is a serious and important challenge to all of us in the parish. We must pray for its success, lend our many God-given talents to its completion, and make significant financial sacrifice on all our parts to make it happen. Working as one Body in Christ, we can ensure that our Legacy of serving those who come to worship our Lord with us, and our outreach to the wider community, will endure far into the future. With prayers, gratitude and having full faith that God who has begun this good work in us will also bring it to a successful completion. I thank you.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Arlindo Paul Da Silva
Pastor

OUR *history*

In response to the needs of an increasing Catholic population in Piscataway, the Most Reverend William A. Griffin, D.D., Bishop of Trenton, created the Congregation of Our Lady of Fatima by dividing the southern portion of St. John's parish in Dunellen.

He appointed Reverend Michael Lease as founding pastor of the parish.

The first parish meeting was held in the New Market Firehouse on June 29, 1948. On July 4, the first Sunday Masses were celebrated. Sunday Mass attendance increased and the parish moved into the New Market School auditorium for Mass and the newly started CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine).

Our Lady of Fatima was an active and growing parish in need of a permanent home. This home was found on September 1, 1948 when the Diocese of Trenton purchased a four-acre estate from Edward Van Winkle. The parish was later incorporated under the title, Church of Our Lady of Fatima, Piscataway, New Jersey on February 2, 1949.

1951

Lovingly, Our Lady of Fatima Church was built with card parties, cake sales, dances, picnics, revues, and other fund raising activities. As one parishioner stated: "The building of the church was a labor of love. We worked for it and sacrificed for it and every time I walk into it I think, this is my church."

Everyone had the thrill of knowing that it was really their church on Sunday, May 27, 1951, when the Most Reverend George W. Ahr, S.T.D., Bishop of Trenton, presided over the first Mass.

1965

In September 1965, the sum of \$40,000 was expended to convert the lower level of the church into a modern chapel. Under the direction of Father Adamowski, a liturgically complete sanctuary, comfortable pews and windows were installed. On December 8, 2001, the parish began Perpetual Adoration in the Chapel and remains the only one in the entire Diocese of Metuchen.

1987

The first Filipino saint, St. Lorenzo Ruiz, was canonized on October 18, 1987. The Filipino-American Association built a grotto with beautiful gardens and a bronze statue in back of the church just in time for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Parish.

2008

In 2008, parishioners and diocesan officials expressed concern about the condition of the church and other parish buildings. Over the next three years, the parish assessed the buildings' conditions with church specialists, engineers, contractors, designers and other professionals. A strategic plan was developed to address the various issues and to begin the process of repairing the church with a focus on renovating the upper level. Before a renovation process could begin, nature intervened.

we honor

2011

In August 2011, Hurricane Irene destroyed the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel in the lower level of the church. As the focus shifted from renovating the upper church to repairing the chapel, architectural plans were produced to rebuild the lower church.

These plans were presented to Bishop Bootkoski and the diocesan College of Consultors, who advised the parish to focus on renovating the entire church and not merely the chapel. It was and remains their belief that the entire building is in need of repairs and that those repairs should be addressed at the same time, being more cost effective and less disruptive to the parish community.

Fr. Paul then formed a Renovation Committee, which began interviewing architectural firms specializing in church construction and renovation. The firm of hemmler + camayd was selected to prepare the initial floor plans for the renovation of the church. The firm began interviewing parishioners and parish groups to determine the needs of the parish community. After gathering parishioner input, consulting local code officials and meeting diocesan requirements, the architects prepared floor plans that were reviewed by the Renovation Committee as well as the Finance and Pastoral Councils. The plans went through several revisions to achieve the desired result.

2013

On December 13, 2013, Fr. Paul presented the proposed plans and renderings to Bishop Bootkoski who gave him permission to introduce them to the parishioners for their input.

2014

On February 28, 2014, Fr. Paul, together with the members of the Renovation Committee, Finance and Pastoral Councils, introduced the proposed renovation plans to the parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima Church and a Feasibility Study began.

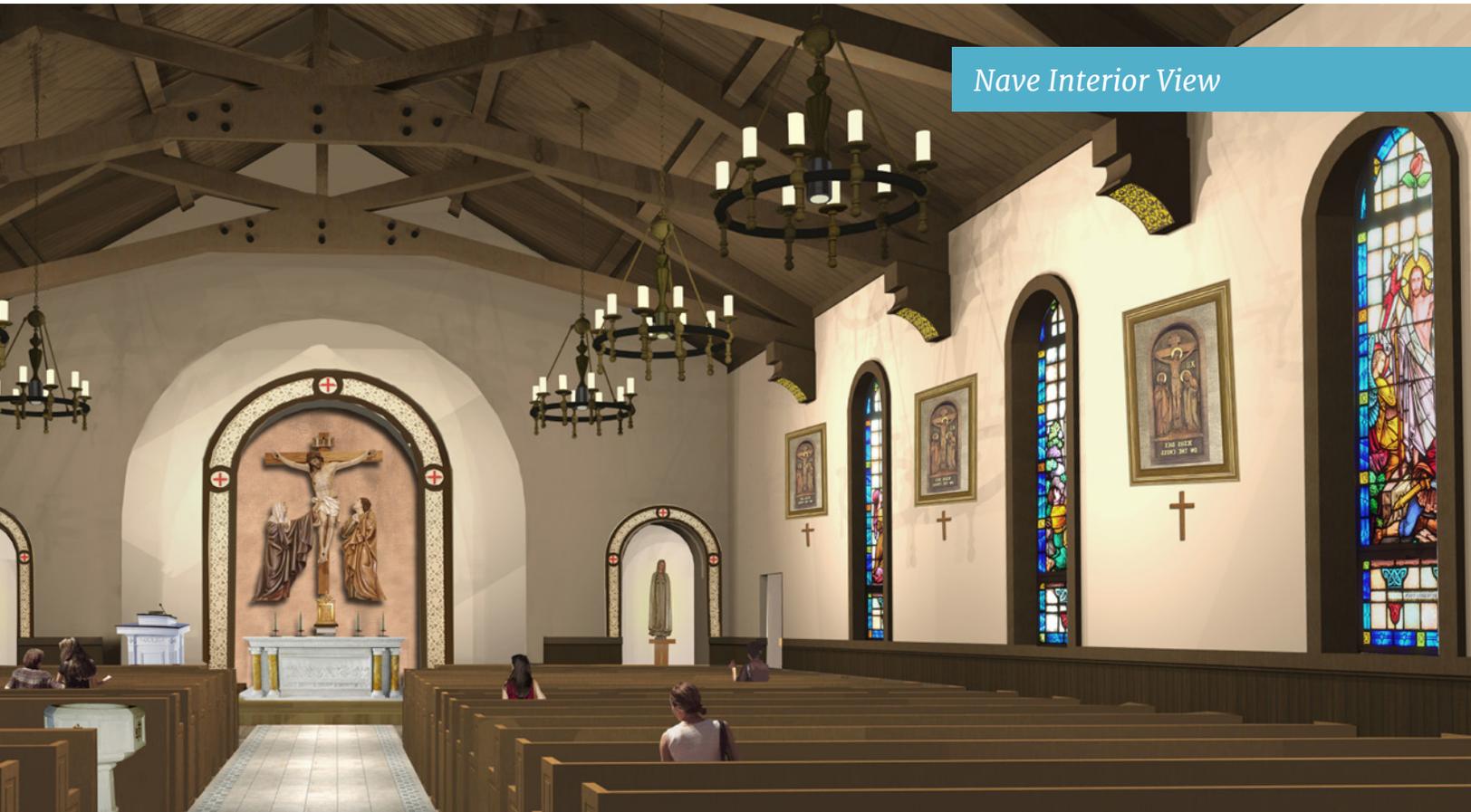
The results of the feasibility Study were overwhelmingly favorable to move forward with a capital campaign to address the needs of the church.



we work OUR CHALLENGE

The Capital Campaign will focus on a number of improvements needed throughout the church building. The narthex will be expanded (adding ~860 sq. ft.) with ample space, a redesigned entrance and an ADA compliant restroom. The church rear will also be expanded (adding ~600 sq. ft.) for additional sacristy and storage space.

The interior of the church will be improved including a new area for a permanent baptismal font, a redesigned sanctuary with the tabernacle in the center, refinished pews, upgraded flooring, repaired stained glass and a repainted interior. The HVAC, plumbing, electrical and lighting systems will be upgraded to high levels of efficiency. A new bell tower will be constructed that will house a



Nave Interior View

spacious elevator to allow handicap access to all levels of the church. On the lower level, a plaza will provide entry to the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, which will be redesigned and restored. A new parish meeting hall with a kitchenette will be added along with large ADA handicapped-accessible restrooms.

The property will be handicapped accessible throughout with new ramps, new sidewalks and a reconfigured and repaved parking lot.

The initial cost estimate for the renovation is approximately \$4.5 million. Our goal in this campaign is to raise at least \$2,500,000 but we hope to greatly surpass this goal. We are reminded that this faith community has exceeded expectations time and again, in every endeavor and category. Our Lady of Fatima parish community is truly blessed in faith and works. Through this campaign, we expect to achieve our goals and pray that everything we do is for the greater glory and honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As a parish (in the diocese of Metuchen) undertaking a parish capital campaign, it is diocesan policy to guarantee our Bishop's Annual Appeal goal for the first year of this campaign. The Bishop's Annual Appeal makes possible over 25 charitable, pastoral and educational ministries to support the faith communities that comprise our diocesan family." Our Goal for 2014 is \$94,200 and is included in our minimum goal of \$2,500,000.

Preliminary Cost Estimates

<i>Front Expansion</i>	\$1,370,000
<i>Rear Expansion</i>	\$300,000
<i>Interior Church</i>	
<i>Renovation & Roof</i>	\$1,680,000
<i>Lower Level</i>	
<i>Renovation</i>	\$1,150,000
TOTAL	\$4,500,000

Adoration Chapel Interior View



OUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Your Decision To Give

No one can tell you how much you should give. The individual parishioner/family is the only one who actually decides what to contribute, since the financial obligations of each family are different. What you give will be held in the strictest confidence.

This is our parish and only through sacrifice can we achieve our goals. All contributions from the smallest to the largest will be gratefully appreciated. Your decision is a personal one. It should be made in good conscience and in true Christian spirit.

Our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week so that individuals always have the opportunity to spend some quiet and prayerful time with Our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Guardians, members of Our Lady of Fatima Church Eucharistic Guardian Society, dedicate themselves to an hour of silent prayer each week in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. They make Perpetual Adoration possible by assuring that Jesus is never left alone, and are present both during the day and throughout the night, seven days a week.

All people are invited to spend some time with the Lord. Remember the words of Our Lord, "Indeed, this is the will of my heavenly Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son, and believes in Him,



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shall have eternal life." The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel provides an easy, attractive, and practical way of rendering to God adoration which is His due as our Creator. It allows us to give Him thanks for our redemption, and to petition Him for the constant help we need.

"Indeed, this is the will of my heavenly Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son, and believes in Him, shall have eternal life."

Our beautiful Eucharistic Adoration Chapel was destroyed by Hurricane Irene in 2010. Since then, it has been located temporarily in the parish center. Now, as we take the next step in the renovation project, we are poised to restore our place of adoration to its former elegance, and return it to its rightful location in Our Lady of Fatima Church.

HOW YOU CAN *get involved*

Throughout the *For The Honor of Our Lady and The Glory of God* Campaign, Father Paul, the Capital Campaign Committee and volunteer workers will reach out to all members of our community to communicate the goals of our parish and describe how everyone can get involved. Several important events are being held in order to give every parish family an opportunity to participate.

- 1
Every registered family will be invited to attend one of a series of campaign receptions that will be scheduled to allow our parishioners the opportunity to gather as a family and learn about the needs of our parish.
- 2
The families that do not attend a campaign reception will be able to read about our renovation plans through this campaign brochure, which will be mailed to their homes. These families will also be asked to consider all the information contained in the brochure and then make a prayerful decision about how they will support this effort.
- 3
Those who do not respond by Commitment Weekend will be personally contacted by fellow parishioners who will volunteer their time over several weeks for the success of the campaign. The volunteers - members of your parish family - will be giving their time to undertake the vital task of reaching out to parishioners and increasing the awareness of this campaign.

During this campaign, we are asking everyone who calls Our Lady of Fatima home to:

- Pray for the success of the Campaign.
- Be an ambassador for Our Lady of Fatima by getting involved and by sharing this information with as many people as you can with enthusiasm and encourage them to get involved.
- Make your sacrificial pledge.

Whether you participate by attending a campaign reception, responding at Mass or by mail, or by graciously receiving a parish volunteer into your home, it is your act of involvement that will make this campaign a success.

Upper & Loft Level Floor Plan Key

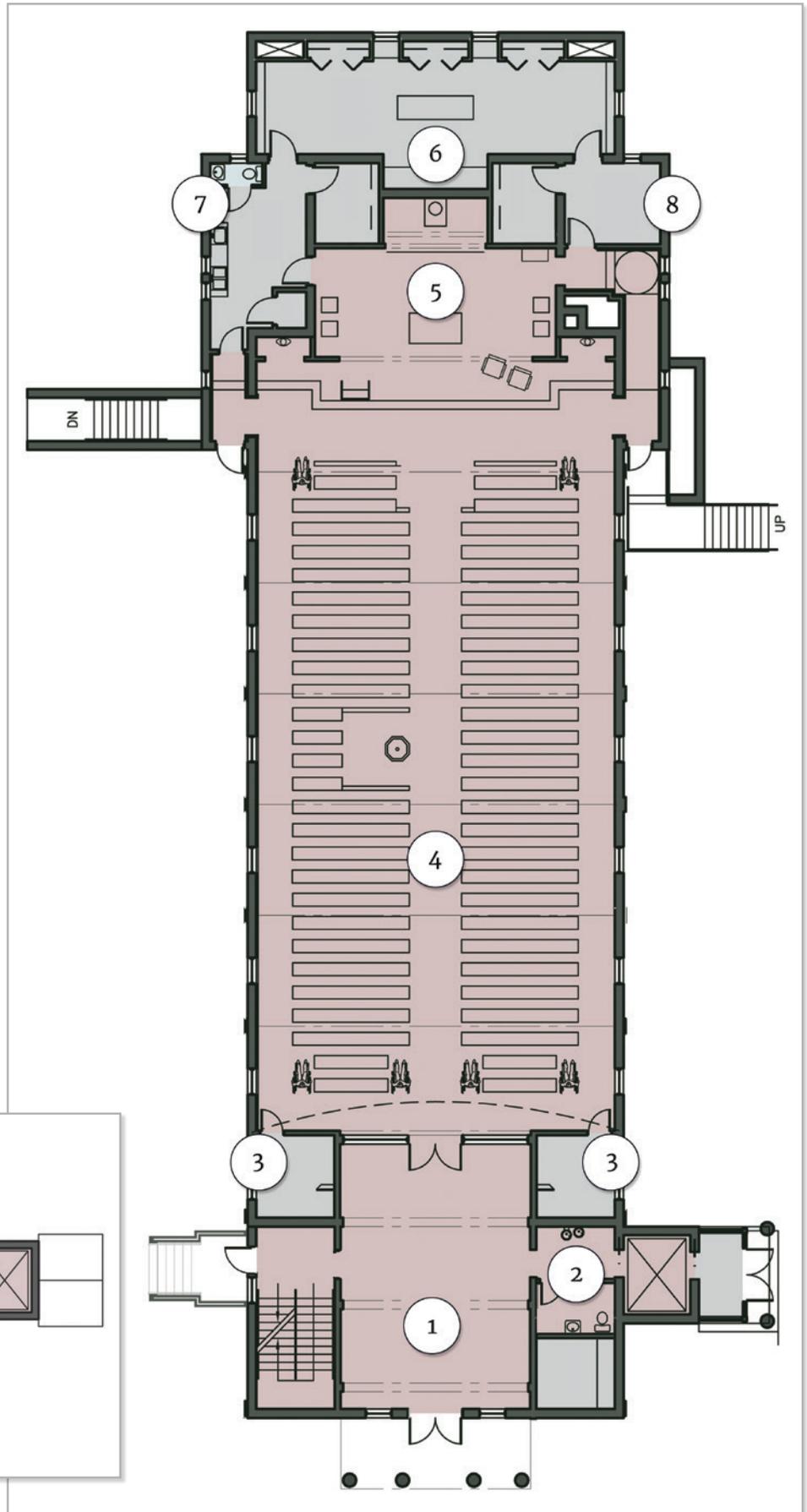
1. Narthex
2. Rest Room
3. Reconciliation Rooms
4. Nave
5. Sanctuary
6. Priest's Sacristy
7. Work Sacristy
8. Altar Server's Sacristy

Loft Level

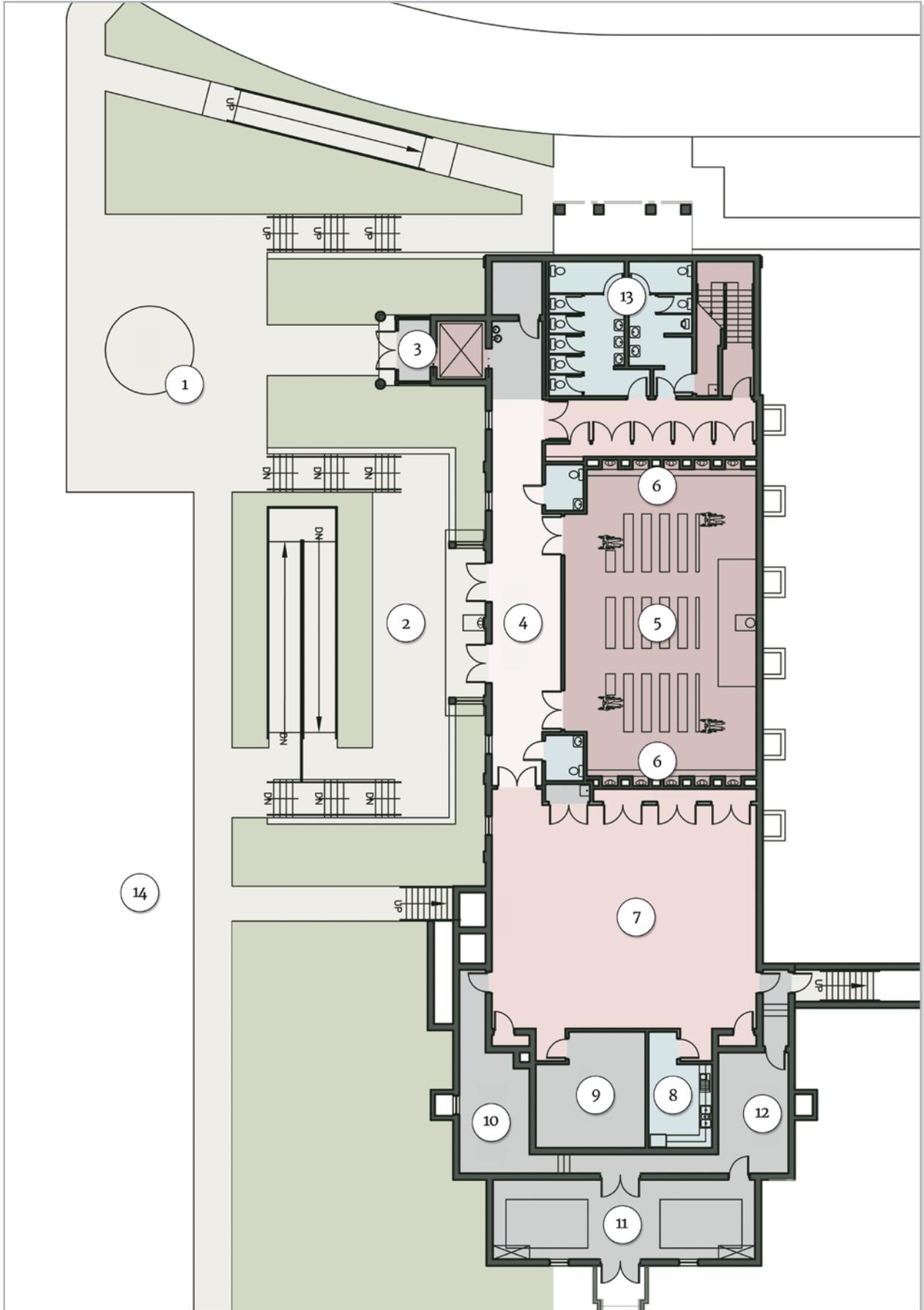
9. Choir Loft
10. Choir & Church
Storage Rooms

Lower Level Floor Plan Key

1. Shrine
2. Plaza (Basement Level)
3. Vestibule
4. Entrance Hall
5. Adoration Chapel
6. Chapel Shrines
7. Hall
8. Kitchen
9. Storage
10. Utility Room
11. Mechanical Room
12. Electrical Room
13. Restrooms
14. Parking



CHURCH & LOFT FLOOR PLAN / UPPER LEVEL



CHAPEL & PARISH HALL FLOOR PLAN / LOWER LEVEL

Narthex Interior View



HOW TO PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT

Although the initial cost estimate of the renovation is \$4,500,000, Our Lady of Fatima would like to raise a minimum of \$2,500,000 through the efforts of this campaign. Every member of our Community is integral to our success in reaching this goal, and, therefore, each family is asked to consider making a pledge to the campaign to the best of their ability.

*In Deuteronomy 16:10 we are reminded that -
"the measure of your own free will offering
should be in proportion to the blessing
the Lord has bestowed on you".*

WE NEED YOUR SPECIAL GENEROSITY

Everyone is asked to prayerfully consider how their generosity can reflect their gratitude for the gifts that God has given them. We know that even a small pledge will be a challenge for some of our parish households, therefore, it is vital to the success

of our campaign that those who are able to make larger pledges do so. Those unable to make large pledges can consider the following: a pledge of only \$3.29 a day or more over three years (or longer, if needed) adds up to a total pledge of \$4,000. This is \$100 per month for 36 months after a \$400 down payment.

Individuals who are financially capable of pledging \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 or more, are asked to step forward and become leaders of our campaign. Please review the Suggested Gift Plans on the following page and choose a plan that is right for you and your family.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorials are special ways of honoring the people we love, whether they are living or deceased. These memorials are often made for a special intention or in thanksgiving for blessings received from God.

Our newly renovated church will be a living memorial. Those who help in its renovation will leave something to Our Lady of Fatima itself that will be used by generations to come. The good they do is not interred with them, but will remain to share in the divine activity of God here on earth.

All contributions to this campaign will be recognized on the *For the Honor of Our Lady and the Glory of God* Memorial, to be displayed prominently in our newly renovated Church. By choosing a Memorial Gift, you will have the opportunity to make your pledge in the memory or honor of a loved one. This Memorial will serve as a lasting tribute to honor the sacrifices our parishioners generously made. The Memorial will display the name(s) of the person or family who made the donation and the name(s) of those they wish to be remembered.

SUGGESTED PLEDGE PLANS

Total Gift	10% Down Payment	3 Annual Payments	6 Semi-Annual Payments	12 Quarterly Payments	36 Monthly Payments	Daily Sacrifice
\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$300,000	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$821.92
\$500,000	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$12,500	\$401.96
\$250,000	\$25,000	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$18,750	\$6,250	\$205.48
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$82.19
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$1,250	\$41.10
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$1,875	\$625	\$20.55
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$500	\$16.44
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$2,250	\$1,125	\$375	\$12.33
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$750	\$250	\$8.22
\$8,000	\$800	\$2,400	\$1,200	\$600	\$200	\$6.58
\$6,000	\$600	\$1,800	\$900	\$450	\$150	\$4.93
\$5,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$750	\$375	\$125	\$4.11
\$4,000	\$400	\$1,200	\$600	\$300	\$100	\$3.29

HOW TO MAKE *your gift*

PLEDGES VIA CASH OR CHECK

Simply complete your pledge card by selecting the amount of your pledge and down payment (optional, but encouraged). Make sure to select your method of payment, i.e., monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual payments. Please make checks payable to **OLF Church Campaign**. You will be mailed payment reminders and a special payment envelope in accordance with the payment plan you choose. Once completed, please return your pledge card in the weekly collection, bring it by the parish office or return it in the mail.

GIFTS OF STOCK

Donors can use their own broker/agent or the parish agent to transfer and sell stock. If the stock has been held long-term (over one year), the donor does not have to pay capital gains tax on the stock, and is allowed a tax deduction for the full value of the stock. Donors may also choose to sell stock in order to claim a loss, which may be beneficial for tax circumstances. In either case, the stock must first be transferred to the parish before being liquidated. Please contact the campaign office for more information.

GIFTS OF PROPERTY, LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES, WILLS OR BEQUESTS

There are different ways to support Our Lady of Fatima both today and in the years to come via planned giving. Families or individuals can make gifts of real estate, personal property, automobiles, life insurance, estate bequests, annuities or charitable remainder trusts. For substantial gifts of property other than marketable securities, the IRS requires an appraisal. Please contact the campaign office for more information.

*Not everyone can make the same size gift
But everyone can make the same size sacrifice.*

Choosing a Gift Plan

The gift plans in this brochure are provided as a suggested guideline when considering your pledge. This campaign will need to receive gifts of all shapes and sizes in order to be successful. Please review the gift plans carefully and select one that fits your family's financial situation.

All contributions to the campaign are fully tax deductible for those who itemize their taxes. Pledges are not legally binding, but rather an indication of your intention to donate.

If you have any questions about the campaign or making your pledge, please contact the Parish Office at (732) 968-5555.

PEOPLE WHO MAKE

it happen

Many people contribute to the life of our parish and provide vision for our future. Our deepest gratitude extends to those who have given the gifts of their time and talents to make this project a success.

Reverend Arlindo Paul Da Silva, *Pastor*

Rev. Herbert J Stab, *Pastor Emeritus*

Rev. Virgilio T. Tolentino, *Parochial Vicar*

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Offertory: Your weekly contributions to the general collection support the day-to-day operating expenses of the parish, including faith formation, Catholic education, liturgy, maintaining our facilities and personnel.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Each year, parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima are asked to support the Diocese of Metuchen through the Bishop's Annual Appeal in order to supplement the many programs and services offered throughout the diocese for those most in need.

For the Honor of Our Lady and the Glory of God Campaign: Your pledge payments to this campaign should be in addition to your regular offertory contributions and annual appeal contributions. Your campaign pledge is a restricted gift — to be used solely for the projects, programs and ministries cited in this brochure.

AS YOU MAKE YOUR PLEDGE, PLEASE REMEMBER

- Payments may be made over a period of three (3) years. A longer period can be arranged if necessary.
- Pledge payments are in addition to your regular weekly offertory contribution. Your pledge payments to this campaign will be used for the specific parish needs outlined in this brochure.
- Payment reminders and a special payment envelope will be mailed to you in accordance with the payment plan you choose.
- Pledge payments are fully deductible for tax purposes.
- Please make checks payable to:
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